

State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of ..... according to the Constitution and laws of this State”.

(b) Before whom taken and subscribed.—The mayor shall take and subscribe this oath or affirmation before the clerk of the circuit court for the county or before one of the sworn deputies of the clerk. All other persons taking and subscribing the oath shall do so before the mayor.

## 95. OFFICIAL BONDS

The clerk-treasurer and such other officers or employees of the town as the council or this charter may require, shall give bond in such amount and with such surety as may be required by the council. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the town.

## 96. PRIOR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

All right, title, and interest held by the town or any other person or corporation at the time this charter is adopted, in and to any lien acquired under any prior charter has been adopted, together with all rights and remedies in relation thereto. This charter shall not discharge, impair, or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability, or penalty whatever existing at the time this charter becomes effective. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending, or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this charter, shall be instituted, proceeded with, and prosecuted to final determination and judgment as if this charter had not become effective.

## 97. MISDEMEANORS

Every act or omission which, by ordinance, is made a misdemeanor under the authority of this charter, unless otherwise provided shall be punishable upon conviction before any trial magistrate or in the circuit court for the county within which the offense is committed by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for thirty days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the court or trial magistrate. The party aggrieved shall have the right to appeal as is now provided under the general laws of the State. Where the act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to a conviction for a continuation of the offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

## 98. EFFECT OF CHARTER ON EXISTING ORDINANCES

(a) Ordinances, etc., not in conflict with charter remain in effect.—All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations in effect in the town at the time this charter becomes effective, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this charter shall remain in effect until changed or repealed according to the provisions of this charter.

(b) Ordinances, etc., in conflict with charter repealed.—All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations in effect in the town at the time this charter becomes effective which are in conflict with the provisions of this charter be and the same hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict.